

**Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

December 7, 2006
3:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Club
Willows, CA

Chair Glenn Hawes called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., followed by self-introductions. It was determined there was a quorum of voting members present (underlined).

<u>County</u>	<u>Public Interest</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Agency (non-voting)</u>
Butte	(Jane Dolan)	<u>Shirley Lewis</u>	
Colusa	(Gary Evans)	(Ben Carter)	
Glenn	<u>Denny Bungarz</u>	<u>Don Anderson</u>	
Shasta	<u>Glenn Hawes</u>	(Dan Gover)	
Sutter	(Dan Silva)	<u>Russell Young</u>	
Tehama	<u>Ron Warner</u>	<u>Brendon Flynn</u>	
Yolo	<u>Lynnel Pollock</u>	(Marc Faye)	
Resources Agency	<u>Jim McKeivitt</u>		
DWR			(Glen Pearson)
DFG			Sandy Morey
State Reclamation Board			Lady Bug Doherty
USFWS			(Catrina Martin)
USCOE			(Brandon Muncy)
Bureau of Reclamation			Basia Trout

Names listed in parentheses represent absences

SRCAF: Manager Burt Bundy, Assistant Ellen Gentry, Resource Conservationist Beverley Anderson-Abbs

Other identified attendees: Frank Piccola, COE; Jeff Sutton, Family Water Alliance; Ajay Singh, Glenn County RCD; Mark Spannagel, Assemblyman La Malfa's office; Christine Stifter, Tri County Newspapers.

2. Unscheduled matters

Denny Bungarz commended SRCAF staff on the new tri-fold flyer and suggested several copies be sent to each Board member of the County Boards of Supervisors as a good introduction to the SRCAF. Glen Hawes asked for additional copies to give to Shasta Cascade Wonderland and Ron Warner for the Central Valley RCD.

Jeff Sutton announced that the RD999 fish screen has been completed at Knight's Landing. He offered to provide a tour for Beverley of some of their fish screen projects.

3. Consent Calendar

Brendon Flynn moved to adopt the minutes of the May 25, 2006 meeting, seconded by Russell Young. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The Executive Committee notes were accepted by consensus.

Lynnel Pollock moved to adopt the minutes of the September 21, 2006 meeting, seconded by Ron Warner. Motion passed by unanimous vote. The Executive Committee notes were accepted by consensus.

4. Report, Discussion & Possible Action for Good Neighbor Policy (GNP)

Brendon Flynn summarized the recent history of the Good Neighbor Policy. The public meeting on August 9 had good participation with several comments and questions concerning a Safe Harbor Agreement. A Safe Harbor presentation was given at the September 12 TAC meeting to clarify some points and the August draft was sent out for additional comment prior to the September 21 Board meeting. No comments have been received by the Good Neighbor Policy Committee.

Shirley Lewis indicated concern that Addendum A had been removed since the GNP had been adopted as a White Paper and she was not in favor of leaving it off. This was supported by Jeff Sutton and Ladybug Doherty. Brendon indicated that considerable discussion about Addendum A led the committee to remove it as it was felt the language did more harm than good. It was suggested that the latest version be circulated one more time requesting comments prior to the January 18 Board meeting with the Board voting at the March 15 meeting.

A motion was made by Jim McKevitt to include Addendum A and send out for comments by January 18, 2007 for a vote by the Board on March 15, 2007. Denny Bungarz seconded. Motion passed.

5. Agency Reports

Frank Piccola, Chief of Water Resources with COE, gave an update on the Hamilton City flood control and habitat restoration project. Several teams have been gathering information needed to move ahead with PED. Surveys, core borings, soil samples, and hydraulic modeling are being completed to refine analyses. Legislation is needed that allows federal funding through WRDA. Locals have formed Reclamation District 2140 and voted with a high percent of support for the assessment for maintenance. The new levee will provide up to 125 year flood protection which may allow for lower flood insurance rates. Meetings at the Hamilton City fire station have been very well attended and the project has good local support.

The third Public meeting about the Colusa Sacramento River State Recreation Area Draft Master Plan was held on December 4, at 6:30 pm. Input on the project has been good and has led to some changes in the overall plan. TNC will be donating the 238 acre Ward property to State Parks as part of the process. Planning includes the City efforts to move forward with a new boat ramp, as well as trails, river access, gravel bar access, and updated camping facilities. Design will also accommodate flooding. Several studies are being finalized for review for the entire Colusa Subreach including hydraulic analysis, pest and regulatory study, and a fiscal and economic analysis. There is no money at this point to do the boat ramp project and it will need to be determined how water rights will be protected for the users of the Robert's ditch pump. It is assumed that maintenance will be minimal.

A conference call was held about the M&T Ranch pump to discuss the short term solution of the rock toe and brush revetment. The report was written for a 700 foot revetment to hold the west bank of the river in order to preserve the long term solution of spur dikes to redirect the flow to the pumps on the east bank. The bank has eroded in areas that were initially unexpected and it now appears that a 1500 foot revetment will be required. This longer option will require a full formal consultation by NOAA. Since this may slow down the permitting process, it was determined that, if possible, the revetment and gravel bar removal would be separable in the document. Discussion followed about what could be done with the rock being dredged.

6. Board Committee Reports

Burt reported that this is the time of year for each Board of Supervisors to make a SRCAF Board appointment for 2007. We should receive responses by January from each county. The Board Development Committee will make recommendations for officers and Board members in January.

The current SRCAF grant has been extended through July to allow time for the new grants to run through the process. The Directed Action funding should be in place by February with the Working Landscapes Grant somewhat later in 2007.

Ron Warner announced that the Bend Area BLM land is in a legislative bill submitted by Congressman Herger to turn the 17000 acre Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) into a National Recreation Area (NRA). The Tehama County Board of Supervisors approved the move at their meeting on December 5 at 10:00am and had the approval to Congressman Herger by 1:00pm. Ron noted that this change is expected to be a huge asset to Tehama County.

Beverley reported on the Barge Hole clean-up project on State Lands Commission property in Tehama County. The property has been misused in the past and several agencies joined together to clean it up and restrict access to the main road in to the gravel bar. Following the clean-up in mid November large boulders were placed on either side of the main access road to limit access to the gravel bar. The SRCAF has helped coordinate the project.

Ajay Singh, TAC Chair, reported on projects that have come before the TAC. *Wilson Landing (RM 203-205)* (Glenn County) is already in public ownership with DFG. 135 acres will need to be actively restored. This project was presented at the last Board meeting and was found to be consistent with the handbook. It was brought back to the board for action as there was not a quorum at that time. Brendon moved to accept the project, Ron seconded. The motion was carried to accept the project and write a letter of support.

Jelly's Ferry Habitat Restoration (RM 266-267) (Tehama County) is a collaboration between CSU Chico, River Partners, and BLM to restore 201 acres. The TAC recommended CSUC do some hydrologic work (see June TAC notes). This project was rescheduled from the last Board meeting, when it was found consistent with the handbook and a letter could be sent stating it has been reviewed by the TAC. Brendon questioned the Project Tracker indication that neighbors had been contacted as he manages neighboring land and had heard nothing about it. It was requested that this project be brought back to the board when it is determined who the new lead is and they can attend to answer questions. For detailed information on these June projects, go to www.sacramentoriver.ca.gov.

Shasta Ranch Mining and Reclamation Plan Project (RM 279) (Shasta County) Lyle Tullis presented the project to the TAC and took several members for a tour of his existing gravel mine and the Shasta Ranch property. The reclamation plan for the land is currently to put it back into agriculture although several queries were made about the possibility of some riparian restoration. There is no requirement to provide spawning gravel since the work is not being done in the river. Project details can be found in the August 1 TAC at www.sacramentoriver.ca.gov. The draft EIS/EIR is available <http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/Departments/Resourcegmt/drm/index.htm>.

7. Future Meeting Dates

The next SRCAF Board meeting is scheduled for January 18 and March 15, at the Monday Afternoon Club in Willows.